



# United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
Washington, D.C. 20240

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Department of the Interior Acquisition Policy Release (DIAPR) 1998 – 5, Amendment 2

Subject: **The Authorization of Direct Awards to 8(a) Contractors**

1. **Purpose.** The purpose of this DIAPR is to notify contracting personnel that the current Memorandum of Understanding with the Small Business Administration (MOU) has been extended again.
2. **Effective Date.** March 14, 2000
3. **Expiration Date.** April 30, 2000
4. **Background and Explanation.** The MOU redelegates to warranted contracting officers the authority to award contracts directly to program participants under the 8(a) Program. The SBA had issued an extension of the original MOU to allow more time to draft a document with language uniform to all agencies. Since this new MOU is not ready for review and signatures, the SBA has issued another extension to the original document.
5. **Action Required.** Immediate distribution of this policy release to all contracting officers.

Debra E. Sonderman, Director  
Office of Acquisition and Property Management

Attachment

**Amendment 2B**

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
between the  
**U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**  
and the  
**Department of the Interior**

**I. PURPOSE**

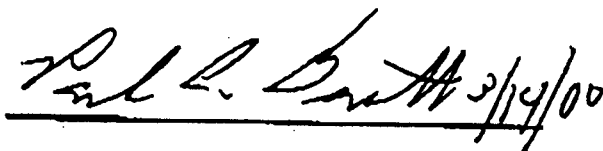
This amendment is issued pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between your agency and the U.S. Small Business Administration. The purpose of this amendment is to extend the term of the MOU. All other terms and conditions of the MOU remain unchanged.

**II. TERM.**

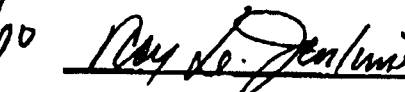
The expiration date is hereby extended until April 30, 2000.

**III. ACCEPTANCE.**

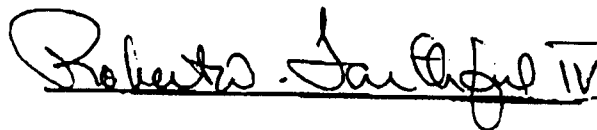
As provided under the authority of the MOU, the undersigned parties hereby accept the terms and conditions of this amendment.

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Senior Procurement Executive  
Department of the Interior



For Delorice Price Ford  
Acting Associate Administrator for 8(a)  
Business Development  
U.S. Small Business Administration

 March 14, 2000

Director, Office of Small and  
Disadvantaged Business Utilization  
Department of the Interior